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**Portrait of a Gentleman Scholar
Attributed to Michael Dahl
(1656–1743) London, circa
1705–1710**

Price

GBP 25,000

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Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Description

Portrait of a Gentleman Scholar Attributed to Michael Dahl (1656–1743) London, circa 1705–1710 Signed with monogram (lower right) Oil on canvas, 'Kit-Cat' format 92 x 73cm (36 x 28 in.) This portrait serves as a masterwork of the early 18th-century British Baroque, capturing the intellectual vigor of the Enlightenment-era professional class. Executed in the prestigious 'Kit-Cat' format, a size popularized by London's most exclusive political and literary clubs, the work depicts a gentleman of substantial status. The sitter is portrayed in a three-quarter-length pose, his gaze directed toward the left with an air of studied composure. He is adorned in the height of period fashion: a voluminous, cascading allonge periwig that frames his face, signifying his membership in the upper echelons of society. He wears a slate-coloured banyan—a loose, elegant coat worn by scholars and men of leisure—draped over a fine, pleated linen cravat. The precision of the artist's hand is most evident in the depiction of the sitter's right hand, where a quill pen is held with grace, poised over a sheet of parchment. This deliberate inclusion of writing materials transforms the portrait fr...

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